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Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

out of it. These are the figures or mostly sees at Saratoga; there is very little youth of the present day there but the youth of the past abounds, with the belated yellow hair or the purple mustaches, which give a notion of greater wickedness in a former generation.

foes of the supposed-to-be unrented floor are occupied. Some of the city's many correspondents are supposed to be overcrowded with tenants have vacated thirtieth-story rooms, but so far no attempt has been made to overcome the folly by lowering rents. When the giant St. Paul building, now far above its thirtieth story, is ready for occupancy, the superintendent and others connected with its management will have to explain why they supposed it is how the agent expects to get around the hoodoo that men who seem to be sound mentally attach to the tricky 13. In strange contrast is the fact that daring aerial artists now filling an engagement at a music hall here are N° 13 on the programme and laugh at the old luck which some of their admirers dread to utter. They will not be asked to leave town. The Thirteen club doesn't seem to be fulfilling its mission here.

—N. Y. Correspondent Pittsburgh Dispatch.

a gleam of white.—W. D. Howells, 1

BICYCLE AND WILD ANIMALS.
A Comic Paper's Porcupine Joke Nearly
Realized in the Woods.

A comic paper printed a picture some time ago that showed a man riding along on his bicycle with a porcupine in the middle of the road before him.

motorman on one of the open cars in
other afternoon.

The front wheel went into the porcupine's quills, and the tire was punctured many times. Only those who have ridden over country roads and have seen the various animals that escape the wheel by a narrow margin realize how easily the jest might come true.

In the immediate vicinity of New York a good many small animals have been killed—rats, mice, sparrows, probably gray squirrels and snakes—but in the woods on a good trail the wheelman finds added possibilities that are not entirely pleasant. The porcupine joke

until it will be almost impossible to g

Even in the Episcopal church there are some clergymen, though they are decidedly in the minority as yet, who prefer not to be known as such by their clothes. When engaged in any outdoor pastime in the country they put on appropriate costumes, such as bicycle or golf suits, or light flannels. It is the opinion of clergymen who dislike the

"uniform" idea that they lose influ-

ence with a large class of people by placing themselves apart, and, as it were, advertising their profession. Those who favor the clerical dress contend, on the other hand, that the ministry is a profession which ought to be distinguished from all others and be-

believe that the significant costume goes

The changes in the dress of clergymen when in the pulpit have been less marked. In the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches the preacher is absolutely required to wear a certain

prescribed garb. This for Episco-

palium consists of the long, black cassock, moderately tight-fitting underneath, and the white surplice above. The stole, a long silk or satin band, symbolizing the yoke of the gospel, is worn over both shoulders, the ends falling down in front. In the Presby-

terian church the wearing of the black

Geneva gown is optional, but, judging from what the makers of these articles say, the use of them is certainly not on the decrease. The gown worn by Lutheran preachers differs slightly in cut from the Geneva pattern, but bears a general resemblance to it. Baptist clergymen do not ordinarily wear gowns when preaching, but when an immersion is to take place a garment

called a baptismal gown is put on. The

The business of manufacturing clerical clothing and vestments is one entirely separate from ordinary tailoring. Some clothing establishments and custom tailors, it is true, do a good deal of this kind of work, but special men

have to be employed for it, and it becomes a department by itself. In addi-

comes a department by itself. In addition to these there are several houses in this city which exist solely for the clerical trade, and make no other kind of clothing.—N. Y. Times.

THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR.

A Difficulty Discovered in the Renting of Apartments.

The business and professional men

who contemplate hiring an office in the business end of the metropolis can, if they are not superstitious, secure quarters at a comparatively low rental. A few days ago rents on the thirteenth floor of a recently built sky scraper were reduced a third. The cut was forced by the dread with which some folk of the class named regard the num-

ber 13. Other tall office buildings are

in the same predicament, and thirteenth-floor offices are said to be a drag on the market. This is a new and unexpected problem for landlord and agent to solve, and if the 13 hoodoo hits all the high structures as hard as it has hit one on Nassau street, the architect of the future will have to scratch the thirteenth floor off his plans or put the

roof on at the twelfth story. The agent:

of this tall and elegantly equipped pile could not for the life of him imagine why the thirteenth floor remained vacant. Business men, lawyers, all kinds of professional men were anxious to take offices on every floor save the thirteenth. Those above it were full, like

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